

Year One Newsletter





Summer 2 2025



We hope you have had a wonderful half term despite some wet weather. The children have all come back telling us of the fun filled time spent with their families. We cannot believe that we are already starting the last half term of Year 1! We would like to say a massive thank you to you and your incredible children for making it a truly memorable year together! We are looking forward to our final half term together filled with fun and making more memories.

Phonics Screening Check

Next week, the week beginning the 9th of June, children in Year 1 will be participating in the phonics screening check. This is a short statutory assessment which focusses on phonics skills. Each child will be asked to read 40 words. The words will be a mixture of real and pseudo words (words that are not real) to ensure that they are using their decoding skills. You will be informed on how your child did during the screening and there is an opportunity to revisit this again in Year 2 if needed. If you would like to know more about this please read the government guidance [here](#).

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If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher or send an email to the Year 1 email address.

Homework

A huge well done to those children who have regularly been completing their Reading and Maths Purple Mash homework tasks. It is great to see how hard the children are working at home. Completing home learning is very beneficial as it supports their progress. We ask that:

- The children complete the Maths homework on Purple Mash which is set each Friday.
- You listen to your child read their phonics book every day.
- As an addition, encourage your child to practice reading and writing the phase 2,3, 4 and 5 tricky words which have been sent home or complete any other tasks related to learning that week.

Little Wandle Tricky words – Year 1

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Phase 2	Phase 5				
Is	And	She	Their	Any	Busy
I	Has	Push	People	Many	Beautiful
The	Her	He	Oh	Again	Pretty
Put	Go	Of	Your	Who	Hour
Pull	No	We	Mr	Whole	Move
Full	To	Me	Mrs	Where	Improve
As	Into	Be	Ms	Two	Parents
			Ask	School	Shoe
			Could	Call	
			Would	Different	
			Should	Thought	
			Our	Through	
			House	Friend	
			Mouse	Work	
			Water		
			Want		
Phase 3					
Was	My	Are			
You	By	Sure			
They	All	Pure			
Phase 4					
Said	Love	There			
So	Do	When			
Have	Were	What			
Like	Here	One			
Some	Little	Out			
Come	Says	Today			

Warmer Weather

As we are heading into the second half of the summer term, the weather may begin to get a bit warmer (hopefully!). Don't forget to send your child in with their own named water bottle filled with water. On hot days, it would be advisable that your child brings a named sunhat and sunglasses for them to wear at playtime and lunchtime.

Please apply 'once a day' sun cream to your child before coming to school. Unfortunately, staff are unable to apply sun cream to your child.



Dates

W/C Monday 9th June

- ♥ Phonics Screening Check

Wednesday 11th June

- ♥ Love of languages day

Thursday 12th/Friday 13th June

- ♥ Father's Day Breakfast

Monday 30th June

- ♥ Year 1 and 2 Sports Day, 9-11am

Friday 4th July

- ♥ PFest

Monday 14th/Tuesday 15th July

- ♥ Year 1 Showcase

Tuesday 15th July

- ♥ Parents receive annual reports

Wednesday 16th July

- ♥ Class Swap morning and open evening

Tuesday 22nd July

- ♥ School closes for Summer

Summer 1 Highlights

Last half-term was packed full of amazing learning. Us teachers feel the children loved the curriculum theme 'Africa' and have developed their understanding of the breadth of the curriculum successfully. A highlight for most, if not all children was making chocolate rice crispy cakes! Here are a few other photographs to show you what we got up to in school.



Year 1 Curriculum – Exploring our World

In English this half term, we are basing our learning different settings and stories. The children will become authors and create their own character and setting before writing their very own story. The children will continue to focus on writing sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces and extending our sentences using and, and because.

During History, the children will learn all about the importance of exploring and who are the significant explorers that have impacted our world today. These include: Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong, Mary Anning, David Attenborough and Mae Jemison.

In Maths the children will be learning all about time. They will also look at days of the week, months of the year before learning how to tell the time focusing on half past and o'clock.



Continuing with our theme, in Science we are learning all about plants. The children will plant their own sunflower and be responsible for looking after it until the end of term. They will be identifying a range of wild and garden flowers as well as looking at deciduous and evergreen trees.

In Art the children will be looking at landscapes and sketching their own landscape of a view that they pick in school. We can't wait to see their final pieces!

In RE we are looking at places of worship and why they are important to us.

In computing the children will continue to consolidate their skills and we will be reviewing the breadth of the computing curriculum.

In Music the children will be practicing their songs ready for our showcase assembly.

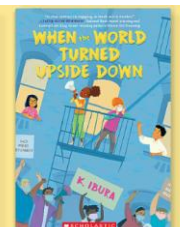
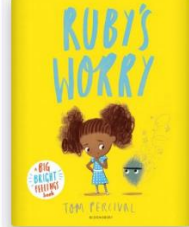
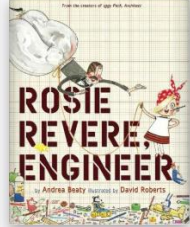
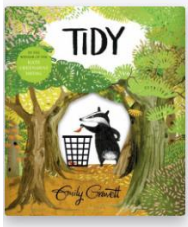


This half term our PSHE unit is called changing me. In this unit the children will continue to build on their learning from reception year in learning body parts. Children will consider how animals and people change from a baby to an adult. During these sessions, children will be introduced to lifecycles. The children will explore that change can be positive and discuss the things that they can do now that they could not when they were a baby. Children will learn about what is the same and different about boys and girls and they will learn to name scientific body parts, such as penis and vagina, anus and vulva. Teachers will share with children that these are called our private parts. Finally, the children will reflect and celebrate how they have changed over the course of Year 1 and how they feel about moving into Year 2.

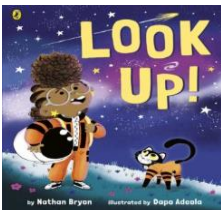
Our Priory Rise Value of the Month for June and July

During the month of June, we are focusing on the value **belonging**. We will share with the children the importance of how gaining a sense of belonging in school can improve well-being, our mental health and our achievements.

In July our Value of the month will be **reflection**. We will discuss what this means and how reflecting on experiences, as well as our learning, helps us to grow and develop.



Recommended Reads



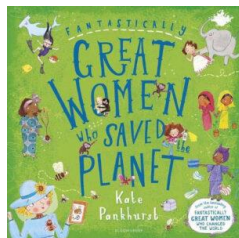
Look Up by Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola

This story is all about a science-made chatterbox who wants to be the greatest astronaut. She spends her time trying to convince her big brother to look up from his phone and appreciate what is around him.



Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival

This is a heart-warming story about a girl who loves making things but struggles to make friends. It is a lovely book which teaches the importance of friendship, how to make and keep friends, how to relate to others and finding a place in the world.



Great Women Who Saved The Planet by Kate Pankhurst

This book tells the stories of woman who have helped protect our natural world all through history which links well to our theme of exploring our world. This is a truly inspirational book.

Contact Us

If you have a message for your child's class teacher, please email the Year 1 teaching team on the following email address: year1@5d.com. All teachers are able to access this email address and will respond at their earliest convenience. Alternatively, please speak to them at the end of the day when at the gate. Thank you!

Finally....

It has been such a pleasure to teach your children and watch them grow. Thank you for all of your support, it is a pleasure to work alongside you to best support your children. We look forward to our final half term together.

